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WTLC Receives Million Dollar Grant to Expand Human Trafficking Program

February 27, 2017 – The Women’s Transitional Living Center, Inc. (WTLC) was awarded a **\$1,000,000** grant to continue to grow its human trafficking programs. Earlier this month, the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services notified the organization that it had been selected as one recipient in the Human Trafficking Victim Assistance Program.

The oldest domestic violence shelter in Orange County, WTLC has grown since its founding in 1976 to incorporate numerous services for survivors of different types of violence. Its housing, counseling, and legal programs work together to support survivors and empower them to recover from their past trauma. With this new California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) funding, WTLC will be able to continue to expand its programs to meet the specific needs of survivors of human trafficking in Orange County and the surrounding areas.

WTLC Executive Director Gigi Tsontos says, “This funding will enhance the Orange County community’s response to Human Trafficking and ensure victims have the support needed to regain freedom. This along with the expansion of our legal services program from another CAL OES grant will ensure that survivors’ voices are heard.” Tsontos will be speaking in March at the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence conference in San Diego about WTLC’s survivor driven mobile advocacy program, the first of its kind to support victims in California.

About WTLC

WTLC is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping individuals and families escape the depths of domestic violence and exploitation by providing the tools and resources to build self-esteem and empower people for independent living. If you or someone you know is the victim of abuse, contact our 24-hour bilingual hotline at (877) 531-5522 or love@wtlc.org. For more information about WTLC, visit: www.wtlc.org.

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